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Eva SIMMONS et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3761
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Application No.: 09/380,211	)	Examiner: M. KIDWELL
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Filed: November 8, 1999	)	Confirmation No.: 2334
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For: AN ABSORBENT ARTICLE	)	
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Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed August 20, 2002, please first amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please add the following claims:

*sub 2.* 22. (New) An absorbent article that includes longitudinally extending side extremities, an absorbent body disposed between a liquid-impermeable bottom sheet, which is intended to lie distal from a wearer in use, and a liquid-permeable upper sheet, which is intended to lie proximal to a wearer, and

at least one longitudinally extending elastic liquid barrier on each side of a center line of the upper sheet, the barrier being made of an essentially liquid-impervious material and